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**Halloween
hours:**

Saturday, Oct. 31

4 to 7 p.m.

Have fun and
stay safe!



**daylight
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time ends
November 1, 2009**



Vicki Brooker photo

Pumpkin decorators dig deep

A witch and a superhero dig deep into the cavities of their pumpkins as they prepare to carve their Halloween Jack-o-lanterns at the Elk Point 4-H Multi Club's Halloween party on Saturday at the C. G. Baker Arena. The decorated pumpkins and the youngsters' costumes were later judged for prizes. More on Pages 11 and 12.

Christmas Extravaganza 2009 countdown underway

By VICKI BROOKER

Review Staff

The countdown is on for Elk Point's Christmas Extravaganza, coordinated by the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce and this year, slated for exactly one month from now, on Friday, Nov. 27.

The first planning meeting was held last week, with each of a small band of volunteers assigned some of the tasks that go into Elk Point's signature kick-off to the Christmas season.

To this point, the photographer for Photos with Santa has already been booked, sponsorship information has been faxed out, and the F. G. Miller High School craft sale, one of the events operated by community groups in conjunction

with Extravaganza, has been confirmed. Other groups will be contacted to see if they would also like to hold events that evening.

The preliminary line-up looks much like that of recent years, starting with the Winter Wonderland Parade, finishing with fireworks, and with horse-drawn wagon rides, Christmas-themed entertainment, blazing bonfires, hot chocolate and shopping specials in between.

The chamber has also decided on the major prizes for the draw entered by shoppers at participating businesses. A big screen television, along with tickets to the Community Choir's dinner theatre and the chamber's upcoming evenings with Jimmy the Janitor and Danny Hooper will go home with the lucky winners.

County residents vote 'Yes'

By JANANAI WHITFIELD

Review Contributor

A slim margin of 69 votes saw the majority of County of St. Paul residents vote "Yes" for an elected reeve yesterday.

It was a victory for A Better County Democracy, the group that organized and circulated a petition in support of an elected reeve. In answer to that petition, the County of St. Paul decided to hold yesterday's plebiscite, in which 37 per cent of the County's 4,283 eligible voters cast ballots.

People wanted to see a change in the way the County of St. Paul was run, said Amil Shapka, spokesperson for A Better County Democracy, explaining why he felt people voted yes for the change.

"This isn't the voice of a special interest group or a few vindictive individuals with a vendetta," he said. "This is the sound of the good people of this County making a healthy and positive change."

But throughout the hour when ballots were being counted, the results shifted for and against an elected reeve, with 10 or less votes separating the two sides. In the end, the results from the St. Paul Legion Hall finally gave the "Yes" vote the final boost, with 284 people voting for an elected reeve to 188 voting against the change at that polling station. See next week's issue for poll-by-poll results.

Reeve Robert Bouchard was surprised to see how many people turned up at the polls.

"It's not a bad turnout," he said. "It gives a bit of an indication on what people want." However, he was not surprised by the result, having anticipated those who would have voted no to an elected reeve would have been less likely to turn up at the polls. He noted people get "complacent," adding, "I believe it would have been a much different result if (the plebiscite) had been held at a general election."

But Shapka disputed that claim. Having traveled the County of St. Paul corner to corner during the course of the plebiscite, he felt he had heard that more people were strongly in favour of change.

Many people were unhappy with politics in the County of St. Paul, and issues such as the expansion of the Laford landfill and the County's course of action in the question of ineligible voters casting ballots in the last municipal election became "the last straw," according to Shapka.

Once the results of the plebiscite are officially confirmed this Friday, the County of St. Paul will have to start working on making the changes to division boundaries, which will change from seven divisions to six. Since boundary changes have to be done six months prior to the next municipal elections, which are slated for October of 2010, the County will have to get moving. "That doesn't leave a whole lot of time," said Sheila Kitz, CAO for the County.

County council will have to decide whether to hire a consultant or to allow administration to suggest boundary changes, said Kitz. If County decides to make the decision internally, "It may be hard to stay neutral," she said. However, she added, "The (boundary) line has to be drawn somewhere."

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The quick facts about pandemic H1N1 flu

BY STAFF WRITERS

What is H1N1 Flu?

H1N1 flu is a new influenza virus causing ill-

ness in people. It has two genes from flu viruses that normally circulate in pigs in Europe and Asia, plus avian

genes and human genes.

H1N1 flu is contagious. This new virus was first detected in people in the United States in April 2009. It is a respiratory virus spread from person-to-person, just like regular seasonal flu.

Illness with the new H1N1 flu virus has ranged from mild to severe. While the vast majority of people who have contracted H1N1 flu have recovered, without needing medical treatment, within one week, hospitalizations and deaths have occurred.

Most people hospitalized with H1N1 are in a "high risk" category. About 70 percent of people who have been hospitalized have had one or more medical conditions that make them more likely to have serious seasonal flu-related complications. These conditions include pregnancy, diabetes, heart disease, asthma and kidney disease.

Unlike the seasonal flu virus, adults older than 64 do not yet appear to be at increased risk of H1N1 flu-

related complications.

Symptoms of flu

Seasonal flu:

Fever
Coughing and/or sore throat
Sneezing
Runny or stuffy nose
Headaches and/or body aches

Chills
Fatigue

H1N1 flu

Same symptoms, but potentially more severe
Significant number of H1N1 cases also include:
Vomiting
Diarrhea

Emergency warning signs

If you become ill and your symptoms get worse, such as shortness of breath or chest pain, call Health Link Alberta at 1-866-408-5465 or call your doctor. If the following warning signs, you should seek emergency medical care:

Emergency warning signs in children:

■ Fast breathing or trouble breathing

Bluish or gray skin colour
Not drinking enough fluids
Severe or persistent vomiting
Not waking up or not interacting

Being so irritable that the child does not want to be held
Flu-like symptoms improve but then return with fever and worse cough

Emergency warning signs in adults:

Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
Pain or pressure in the chest or abdomen
Sudden dizziness
Confusion
Severe or persistent vomiting

Flu-like symptoms improve, but then return with fever and worse cough

Cases in Alberta

Number of hospitalized confirmed cases of pandemic H1N1 influenza as of October 23, 2009:

Area	Year to Date
Northern Alberta	16
Edmonton and area	60
Central Alberta	11
Calgary and area	74
Southern Alberta	19
Total	180

Total number of deaths:
9 (including one death of out of country resident)

Reduce the spread

■ If ill, stay at home until symptoms are gone and reduce contact with others
■ Wash hands with soap and warm water or alcohol-

based hand rub regularly, and especially after coughing or sneezing

■ Cover coughs and sneezes with tissues or arm, not hand

■ Carry out household cleaning, focusing on high touch areas such as bathrooms, kitchen sinks, taps, doorknobs, telephones and keyboards

■ Avoid close contact with people who are ill

■ Eat a healthy, balanced diet

■ Avoid cigarette smoke or other harmful substances

■ Remain active and get enough sleep

■ Reduce the spread of germs by limiting touching of eyes, nose and mouth

Vaccination

Immunization is the best defense against becoming ill with influenza and from spreading the virus to others, according to Alberta Health Services.

The H1N1 vaccine is an injection that contains the dead virus to prompt the creation of antibodies and provoke an immune response in the body.

This year, Alberta Health Services is offering two vaccines: the seasonal flu vaccine and the H1N1 flu vaccine. Each protects against a different virus and both are intended to be used alongside one other.

Alberta Health Services is offering the pandemic H1N1 flu vaccine to all Albertans.

Priority groups for H1N1 flu vaccine

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend that several groups should receive the H1N1 flu vaccine as soon as possible, including:

■ Pregnant women
■ Household contacts and caregivers for children younger than six months of age

■ Healthcare and emergency medical services personnel

■ All people from six months to 24 years

■ Children age six months to 18 years

■ Young adults aged 19 to 24

■ People aged 25 to 64 who have health conditions associated with high risk for medical complications from influenza

*All information compiled from Public Health Agency of Canada, Alberta Health Services, and U.S. Centre for Disease Control and Prevention

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Alberta's Steps to Prevent Influenza



Step 1 - Stop the spread:

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Step 2 - Seasonal influenza immunization:

Recommended for certain high risk groups — available at some locations while H1N1 immunization is underway.

Step 3 - H1N1 influenza immunization:

H1N1 immunization will be available at many locations starting October 26. Those at highest risk of complications from H1N1 are encouraged to get immunized first.

High risk groups are:

- People with chronic conditions
- Pregnant women
- Children over six months and under five years of age
- People living in remote and isolated settings or communities
- Household contacts of infants under six months old, and other high risk groups.

Vaccine will be available for Albertans at clinics during November.

Please check the AHS website for the most current clinic times

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'Tis the season for crafts and suppers

Cindy Fedechko of Derwent and her mom, Mary Diesel of Lac La Biche (not shown), shared this heavily laden table at the mammoth and well-attended Derwent Craft Show on Saturday.

Vicki Brooker photos



Derwent craft show kicks off season

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

The area's first craft show of the season packed the Derwent Recreation Centre with both vendors and shoppers on Saturday.

The annual Creative Crafts and Gifts Galore show lived up to its name, with a wide variety of crafts, from warm handknit slippers to eye-catching birdhouses, furry vests to seasonal silk

flower arrangements, and trade show wares ranging from homegrown honey and llama sausage to jewelry and candles.

Shoppers came from a wide area to do some early shopping, enjoy lunch and catch up with friends and neighbours.

The next trade and craft show in the area will be at F. G. Miller High School on Nov. 27 and 28.



Elk Point Ladies of the Royal Purple Lois Sharek, Verna Lazicki and Jane Dikeman lift the lids on pots of steaming turkey, pyrohy, holupchi and all the trimmings at their Harvest Supper on Friday evening.

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OORP Harvest Supper

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point Elks Hall was a beehive of activity last week as the members of the Royal Purple and a few additional helpers cooked up a huge meal, in the old harvest supper tradition.

Well before 5 p.m. on Friday, a lineup of hungry diners was forming in front of the hall as the ladies, a few Elks and a pair of energetic Minor Ball players hauled roasters, slow cookers and bowls of food upstairs to add to the laden table.

Well over 200 people of all ages enjoyed the feast, many of them also traveling to Heinsburg on Saturday to enjoy their fall supper.

Halloween BASH

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Why are schools open or buses running in bad weather?

We are asked this question at least once every winter season so we thought we would address it now before the chilly weather begins. We have administration procedures regarding inclement weather that guide us as to when buses do not run or when schools are closed.

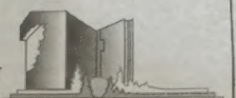
The Division covers a large area and conditions could be different in St. Paul than they are in Two Hills, for instance. As a result, we have several means that are used to determine if buses should or should not run. We have five decision-makers involved in the process: Superintendent, Director of Transportation, Principal, Bus Driver and Parent. Any one of these five can cancel transportation. Our procedure basically states that buses will not run if the temperature is -40 C or colder (by itself or with wind-chill).

On days of severe weather, the Director of Transportation is in contact with principals and bus drivers. If conditions exceed the temperature threshold or road/visibility conditions are deemed generally very poor, then the principal and/or the bus driver can cancel transportation in a particular region or the Director of Transportation can cancel busing across the Division. Bus drivers have the most knowledge with respect to their route and they are in the best position to evaluate their route conditions. Bus drivers are free to cancel their own route if they feel they cannot safely transport students. You also need to be aware that we have changed our practice so that on days of poor visibility, a driver may bypass a regular stop if the driver feels it is unsafe to stop on the road or enter a driveway. This is at the driver's discretion.

Parents entrust their children to the Division on a daily basis and this is not something we take lightly. However, parents are also part of this decision chain and they hold the ultimate decision on whether or not their children board the bus. If parents are not comfortable with this procedure during bad weather, then it is their right as guardians to drive their children to school or keep them at home. Schools will almost always remain open even if buses are not running. It would be an exception for the Superintendent to close down schools and it has only happened twice in the last 10 years.

Please visit our website and click on the Transportation quick link which provides reference information and a listing of which buses are not operating.

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EDITORIAL

Be careful out there!

It's a scary time of year, what with all the Halloween ghosts and gremlins and this year with the grim spectre of H1N1 Influenza hanging over us all.

It's up to all of us, in both cases, to do what we can to make things safer. We must dress our children so they can be seen by motorists on Halloween night, accompany them on their rounds of the neighbourhood and check their treats carefully before they eat them. If we're the motorists, we must keep a sharp eye out for trick-or-treaters, and if we go to Halloween parties, not to drive after indulging in treats of the liquid variety.

As for the influenza, we can minimize our risk by washing our hands frequently, sneezing or coughing into our arms, staying home if we don't feel well, and taking advantage of the opportunity to be immunized.

Way Back When...

Best to come, best efforts, Great Albertan

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF OCT. 27 IN...

1984

Wendy Lorensen was named the 1984 Junior Barrel Racing champion at the Lakeland Rodeo Association's Showdown finals in Camrose. Alberta's Energy and Natural Resources Minister Eugene Zaozirny assured community leaders and oil company executives that "Alberta's best days are still ahead of us," while Elk Point chamber of commerce president Carol Metz called Elk Point "a town on the move, with a real future."

1989

Investigation continued into the disappearance of Geoffrey Dorey, 67, who was last seen on the afternoon of Oct. 3, hours before his farm home along Sec. Hwy 640 went up in flames. Mayor Bruce Kleeberger swore in his new council, made up of Morris Cooper, Allan Frankiw, Adele Mandryk, Lawrence Pidluzny and Alvina Schuhmacher, with Frankiw chosen as Deputy Mayor for a six-month term.

1994

A local recipient of a Great Albertan award, sponsored by Alberta Treasury Branches, AGT and CFRN, Sid Holthe was honoured by his community at a supper and social evening at the Seniors' Recreation Centre. The 'old pink school,' which had last served as the Community Services Centre, fell to the wrecking ball, despite efforts to preserve and restore the vintage structure.

1999

Elk Point won out over Vermilion in the third round of voting by the Northern Lights Library System Board of Directors as the site of the new system headquarters, and while no capital funding was available, Elk Point had a spacious, modern building available for a token dollar, which may have played a major role in the decision. Ranger Oil planned a busy end to the year, with the drilling of 40 new wells and the reactivation of 120 wells drilled prior to the drop in oil prices.

2004

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce paid tribute to Sid Holthe, who passed away Oct. 10, with a minute of silence and memories of a tireless, hard-working and sometimes outspoken member of the chamber. Alvina Schuhmacher, Dwayne Yaremkevich, Dennis Jasinsky and Thomas Kondla won the tight race for town council seats.

GUEST COLUMN

Keep Halloween merry

Yes, can you believe it? Halloween is this coming Saturday. There is a little poem about Halloween that summarizes that Halloween is really a fun day.

*"A Halloween merry,
a Halloween bright,
Though pumpkins make faces
and ghosts walk at night,
Let no noises scare you,
and don't start to run,
For 'tis but a joke,
and Halloween fun!"*



deanna
EASTHOPE
from the FCSS desk

Speaking of Halloween and keeping it fun and merry, I found a neat Halloween recipe. It is called "Jack-o'-Lantern Cream Puffs" which was created by Karalee Helminak of South Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

1/2 cup water
1/4 cup butter, cubed
1 tablespoon sugar
1/2 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
2 eggs

FILLING:

4 ounces cream cheese, softened
1/2 cup canned pumpkin
2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
3/4 cup whipped topping

FROSTING:

1/2 cup confectioners' sugar
2 teaspoons vanilla extract

1 to 2 teaspoons milk
Green and orange food coloring
1 tablespoon baking cocoa

METHOD

In a small saucepan, bring the water, butter and sugar to a boil. Combine flour and pie spice; add to water mixture all at once and stir until a smooth ball forms. Remove from the heat; let stand for 5 minutes. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Continue beating until mixture is smooth and shiny. Drop 12 rounded tablespoonfuls 2 in. apart onto a greased baking sheet. Bake at 400° for 30-35 minutes or until golden brown. Remove to a wire rack. Immediately split puffs open; remove tops and set aside. Discard soft dough from inside. Cool puffs.

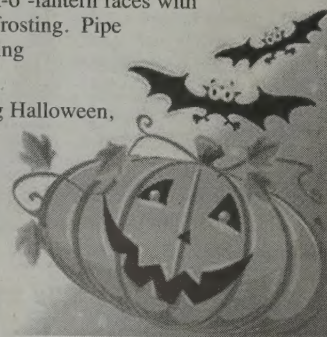
For filling, in a small mixing bowl, beat the cream cheese, pumpkin, sugar and pie spice until smooth. Pipe into cream puffs. Top each with 1 tablespoon whipped topping; replace tops.

For frosting, in a small bowl, combine the confectioners' sugar, butter, vanilla and enough milk to achieve desired consistency. Tint 1 tablespoon frosting green and 2 teaspoons orange; set aside. Stir cocoa into the remaining frosting. Pipe jack-o'-lantern faces with orange and chocolate frosting. Pipe stems with green frosting.

Yield: 12 servings.

So for this upcoming Halloween, try this recipe just because it will be something new to add to making Halloween merry and fun.

Happy Halloween, everyone!



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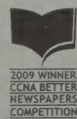
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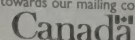
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Preschoolers learn skills for the future while they have fun at Play2Learn Daycare Centre, which opened last week. At right, staff member Christa Smereka enjoys a tea party with the young ladies, below, a boy enjoys playing a game on the cheerful primary-colour rug.



Daycare centre opens its doors

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Wednesday of Small Business Week was the first official day of operation for Elk Point's newest business, Play2Learn Daycare, with Melanie Poulin and her staff of two welcoming the first crop of clients to Elk Point's first stand-alone licensed daycare facility.

Bright colours and a cheerful atmosphere fill the two-story carriage house,

with the main floor divided into areas for dramatic play, tabletop play, story and listening time and crafts. A miniature kitchen with wooden appliances and a child-size table, chairs and sofa fills one corner, an easel for watercolour painting is tucked in another nook, and shelves are lined with an impressive array of toys that Poulin says, "will be added to as we go along." A giant rug in one area is a patchwork of alphabet letters, numbers and shapes, and comes with a stack of mats that match each square, for use as an educational game. A puppet theatre sits beside a big box of puppets, ready to encourage creative play. A fenced outdoor playground area is right out the back door, and upstairs is a rest and nap area, a kitchen where snacks and lunch are prepared, a combination staff room/office/sickroom, a washroom with diaper changing table, and laundry facilities that are especially handy for the weekly toy washing.

The carriage house will eventually become part of an extensive complex that includes a much larger daycare, a home for Poulin and her family, and a covered swimming pool. The current location has a capacity of 24 children, while the future facility will have space for 80, along with a gymnasium, a commercial kitchen and study rooms where Poulin plans to offer music and tutoring programs. She also hopes to offer summer programs in the pool house.

In the meantime, Poulin is "just so excited that we got our license" after an exhaustive process where "every bit of the operation" was analyzed by Child Care Services and the other agencies involved in the licensing process. Because the facility is licensed, parents who qualify can apply for a subsidy to help pay their child care fees.

"We're licensed for infants, toddlers, preschool and for after-school care if needed. We will go to the school and pick up the kids and bring them to the centre."

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Yes, Alberta is outgrowing its electricity system.

If Alberta is to grow, providing jobs and prosperity, we need power for the future. Today, electricity demand is outpacing the system. In order to support growth and projected future needs, upgrades must be made.

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Delights on display in Derwent

Elaborately detailed Father Christmas figures dressed in warm, fur-trimmed robes were part of the display brought to Derwent's annual craft show by Pat and Michael Yurchak of Star, Alberta.

Twig-trimmed decorative birdhouses, a bouquet of berry-laden twigs in a log vase and a branch-and-barnwood bench were among the eye-catching giftware on offer at the show.

Vicki Brooker photos



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Cattle producers to discuss industry

BY STAFF WRITERS

Cattle producers will have an opportunity to discuss industry-related issues at the fall producer meetings for Zone 8 of the Alberta Beef Producers (ABP) this week.

Rob McNabb, general manager for operations for the Canadian Cattleman's Association, will be a guest speaker at the Oct. 28 meeting in Flat Lake Community Hall and at the Oct. 29 meeting in Hairy Hill.

Farmers will hear McNabb giving the Canadian Cattleman's perspective on issues such as the values of the national check-off and the decline seen in the inventory of the national herd over the past few years.

One international issue that McNabb hopes to bring to the table is the United States' introduction of mandatory

country-of-origin labelling. "That is having an impact, along with everything else . . . that plays into returns for the producer."

The meeting will also involve elections for delegates to the ABP, said zone director Brian Chomlak, and will also give producers the chance to form resolutions to send to the organization's annual meeting in December.

It's been a tough year, what with high feed prices and low calf prices, but the meeting will give producers a chance to voice their opinions on what can be done to improve the situation, said Chomlak.

"If we don't know the concerns, we don't know what direction to take in Calgary for the following year," he said. Chomlak is up for election this year, and notes that his

involvement in the organization does take up some time. But, he points out, "If you don't look after your industry, who's going to look after it for you?"

Interested people are welcome to attend either meeting, both of which start at 7 p.m.

Technology in the classroom

By SHAUNA BURKE

Review Contributor

Thanks to technological advancements in the classroom, teachers and students in St. Paul Education Regional Division (SPERD) are enjoying a more interactive learning environment.

St. Paul Regional High School is the first school in the division to offer a wireless Internet service. Students are able to use their laptops to access the Internet in their classrooms, foyers, student lounges or libraries.

All online games, social networking and inappropriate sites are blocked by special software and the sites that students visit can easily be traced. There at least nine authentications that the computer must go through when it connects, to make sure that they have proper virus checkers and other similar programs, explained Patrick Rivard, assistant superintendent and technology supervisor for SPERD.

Almost all schools in the school division are now equipped with SMART boards, which combines computer technology with the simplicity of a whiteboard. Computer websites and programs can be projected onto the SMART board and can be operated as a touch screen instead of using a mouse. The board comes with four digital colored markers that use digital ink to write on the screen. It also comes with a large selection of pictures, sounds, videos and interactive objects that teachers can use to enhance their lessons.

"It is difficult to put into words the incredible learning that can occur when teachers incorporate digital technology into their lessons. One can only get an appreciation for the richness of learning when you see it in action. It's similar to using words to describe the uniqueness of Leonardo da Vinci's Mona Lisa; it just doesn't do it justice," explained Robert Tymofichuk, a teacher and division trainer for SPERD.

"Technology must be connected to learning to make it useful. It is just a tool to enhance learning," said Rivard, explaining that good classroom teaching techniques and assessment skills are still at the core of effective instruction.

Daycare centre

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Poulin's staff has "the highest standard" of child are training that qualifies them for their work, and she notes that incentive programs and grants are available to further their education in that field. She says Tera-Lee Drobot and Christa Smereka, who came back to the childcare sector after working in other fields, are "excited to be in on the ground floor of this new business."

"If you run a good daycare centre, people will come. I am confident that with my staff and facility, people will be happy to bring their children here."

Poulin plans to showcase the facility to the public at an open house in November.

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Radio show broadcasts good news

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Announcers and scriptwriters Tia Lowry and Brooke Gormley hosted a new radio talk show as part of Sunday's service at Elk Point United Church, hoisted by the Youth Ministry.

Four scripture readings earlier in the service laid the groundwork for the show, which featured an e-mail from Adam, who was looking for advice on how to handle Eve, a caller who reported talking to a man on the beach who declared he had spent the last three days in the belly of a whale, and another caller who said she had seen "the coolest thing ever, a little guy with a slingshot who said he'd take the big dude, Goliath, down, and he did it."

The reset of the Youth Choir joined in between announcements to sing gospel songs that fit in with the news flashes.

Next, they had a special guest, none other than Jesus (Theo Ganske), who assured the announcers that he had indeed been born in a manger, a fact he found "kinda cool. It reminds people that worldly possessions are not what's important."

Their interview was interrupted by a caller who reported someone was collecting animals and loading them on a big boat, "so when a flood comes, he can save them," and another caller who said she was at a party where trumpets were blowing and "a huge wall just fell down."

There was even a flashback from an earlier show, the recording of a call from a woman who identified herself as Mary, and wanted to tell God thanks "for blessing me with a child who will save the world."

Jesus even had an opportunity to give advice to a woman in the studio audience, who said her grandson and his football team had been violently attacked by their opposition in a recent game. While he always preached about turning the other cheek, this time Jesus suggested the team and other teams refuse to play against these overzealous competitors, and added a warning for that unsportsmanlike crew, that if they don't mend their ways, "God will get you."

Youth choir director Holly Myshaniuk praised the show's creators, and hinted that more of their work will be offered at future Youth Ministry services.



Elk Point United Church Youth Choir joined in a number of gospel songs, from "Joshua Fought the Battle of Jerico" to "Little David, Play Upon Your Harp" as part of the radio show entertainment line-up.

Announcers Tia Lowry (centre) and Brooke Gormley interview their special guest, Jesus, and have the opportunity to ask Him some questions.

Vicki Brooker photos

Lunch includes borscht, bread pudding, blessings

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point Christian Community Church held the first of their monthly fellowship lunches last week, with an appreciative crowd enjoying their choice of three homemade soups, make-your-own-sandwich buns, lemon pie and warm-from-the-oven bread pudding along with good conversation.

Pastor Bill Kryzanowski followed the meal with a brief but thought-provoking message, and asked bless-

ings on all who were in attendance.

The monthly luncheon, with food provided by the church members, focuses on getting people together to enjoy a relaxed noon hour of food and fellowship, and attracts everyone from seniors to young parents to those in the workforce.

All are welcome to attend this event. There is no cost, although donations are gratefully received and will go toward some very worthy causes.

Halloween treats and tea leaves at Elk Point Library

By DAPHNE SCHNURER
Librarian

The youngsters aren't the only ones who will enjoy a Halloween stop at Elk Point Municipal Library on Saturday - we have a treat for the adults, too.

While the kids are enjoying some hot chocolate, playing a game and colouring a picture to take home, the adults are invited to look into their future, with the help of our gypsy teacup reader, who is back again by popular demand.

Stopp by between 3 and 5 p.m. and make the library part of your Halloween fun.

Please note that the library open only for treats and teacup reading on Oct. 31, not for computer use or borrowing of library materials. You can, however, return your borrowed items at that time.

And here's the big news: starting the following Saturday, Nov. 7, the library will be open Saturday afternoons from 1 to 5 p.m., due to an increase in funding that allows us to increase our hours of service and you to increase the hours when

you can utilize the library's services.

With the weather getting cooler, and the return of Standard Time making the evenings longer, it's a good time to check out some of our new books to curl up with and enjoy.

Seniors, please mark this on your calendars: the November Seniors' Tea has been moved back one week to Wednesday, Nov. 18, due to the Remembrance Day holiday on the second Wednesday of the month.

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THANK YOU Clifford SWEDGAN

The family of the late Clifford Swedgan would sincerely like to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers and support during our recent loss.

We are grateful for the flowers, donations, phone calls and visits.

Thank you so much Marlene and the ladies who prepared the beautiful lunch.

To the Stoney Lake Community for all your help. To Rollee Poiras for the beautiful songs and thank you to those who shared their stories at the service.

Thank you to Lorraine Danyluk for the wonderful job done on the eulogy.

Pastor Kelly Sibley, thanks so much for your kind words and beautiful service.

Thank you to Elk Point Ambulance, Rescue & Police Service and Elk Point Hospital Staff.

A very special thanks to all the staff at Yewchin's Funeral Chapel for all of your help and comfort when we really needed it and for all the help with the small grandchildren and honorary pallbearers. We cannot thank all of you enough.

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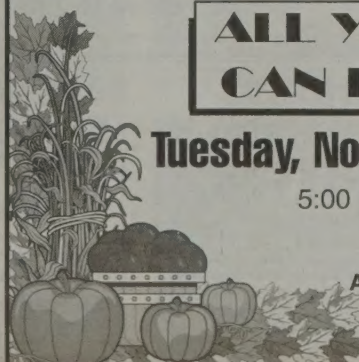
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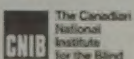
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Intermediate and senior decorators proudly show their creations. At left are intermediate winner Hannah Porozni, and 15 and over winner for both pumpkin and costume, Brianna White while at far right is intermediate second prize winner Tylerr Ockerman. The decorated cabbage (second from right) was decorated by 4-H mom and former 4-Her Tanya Porozni, who won second in the 15-and-over division.



Clarissa placed first and Kaylee second in the costume competition.

Juniors show off imaginative pumpkin pals for the judge. Left to right are Clarissa Gusnowski, Kaylee Poitras, second prize winner Ashley Bristow and winner Leon Cueva.

Fun for 4-Hers and friends

Elk Point 4-H Multi Club hosted an afternoon of fun, food and games on Saturday at their Halloween party at the C.G. Baker Arena. Prizes were given for the best costumes and for the most creative Jack-o-lanterns



Costumes in the 8-and-under group ranged from Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz to superheroes, from a baby bunny to a rock star. Winsome witch Mariah Brewer (third from left) won first prize while furry-handed werewolf Caleb Gusnowski (fourth from right, behind Harry Potter) placed second.

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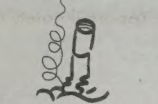
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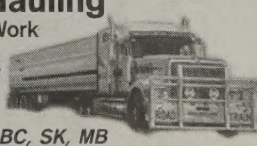
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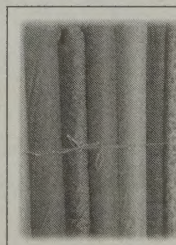
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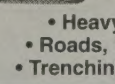
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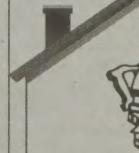
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Happy 4-H Halloween

"The General" - general leader Cathy Ockerman, that is - and her troop of 4-H members, their families and friends had a great time at Elk Point 4-H Multi Club's Halloween party at the C. G. Baker Arena on Saturday.



County of St. Paul No. 19 INVITATION FOR OFFERS

The County of St. Paul No. 19 (the "County") hereby offers the following properties for sale by invitation for offer on the terms and conditions contained herein:

**LOT 25, BLOCK 2, PLAN 9320662
(P.S.E. 4-59-10-W4TH) - FORMER
OWLSEYE HALL PROPERTY
- Market Value - \$ 2,330.00**

**LOT 1, PLAN 9722484
(PSW 10-58-11-W4TH) - FORMER
ST. BRIDES HALL PROPERTY
- Market Value - \$44,500.00**

(Hereinafter referred to as the "Lands")

1. These properties are being offered for sale, on an "as-is, where-is" basis, and the County of St. Paul No. 19 makes no representations and gives no warranty, whatsoever, regarding the title to or condition of the Lands, including any structures, fixtures or chattels located thereon or therein. Specifically, and not so as to limit the generality of the foregoing, the County does not warrant the condition of the Lands with respect to adequacy of services, soil conditions, building and development conditions, the presence or absence of environmental contamination, or that the current or intended use complies with applicable land use by-laws.

2. In no way shall the County be obligated to provide road access of any form to the above Lands.

3. Each parcel is offered for sale subject to a reserve bid and to the reservations and conditions contained in the existing certificate of title or implied by law, as well as subject to any outstanding leases which may be in effect with respect to any of the Lands.

4. Deadline for receipt of all offers with respect to the Lands shall be 12:00 p.m. on November 9, 2009. All offers must be contained within a sealed envelope and addressed as follows:

**Offer RE: (legal description of property)
Linda Meger, Taxation and Assessment Technician
County of St. Paul No. 19
5015 - 49 Avenue
St. Paul, Alberta T0A 3A4**

5. All offers which are received after the above deadline, are incorrectly addressed, or do not comply with the terms of this invitation shall be subject to rejection.

6. All offers must be unconditional, shall adopt and be subject only to the terms and conditions contained within this invitation for offers, and there must be only one individual legal description per offer.

7. Anyone submitting offers, as well as the general public, may attend the offer opening at 10:15 a.m. November 10, 2009, at the County of St. Paul No. 19 office at 5015 - 49 Avenue, St. Paul, Alberta.

8. A 10% Deposit must accompany all bids. If unsuccessful, the deposit will be returned.

9. The closing date, the date given for all adjustments, and the date for full payment of purchase price for any given parcel listed in the above Lands shall be fifteen (15) days after the date of sale.

10. The highest offer received for any given parcel through this invitation for offers shall not necessarily be accepted as the successful bid.

11. All sales of the Lands shall be subject to Goods and Services Tax which shall be payable by the successful bidder to the County of St. Paul No. 19 at the time of payment of purchase price, unless the successful bidder provides satisfactory evidence to the County (including confirmation of G.S.T. registration number) that he/she/it is properly registered for the purposes of the Goods and Services Tax pursuant to the Excise Tax Act.

Further information is available by contacting Linda Meger at 780-645-3301 extension (212) or fax request to 780-645-3104. These properties are also listed on our website at www.county.stpaul.ab.ca



The eight-and under gang displayed a long line of decorated pumpkins, and a couple of well-dressed gourds, for the judge's consideration, with Dean Ockerman (far left) placing first and Nicole Bristow (second from left) placing second.

ELK POINT CURLING CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & REGISTRATION

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

**at 7:00 p.m. at the
Elk Point Curling Rink**

Team / Individual Registration

LAST CHANCE

Due to dwindling interest in curling over the past few years, this meeting and registration is being held to determine if there will be a curling season and/or bonspiels this year.

**Any questions, phone
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Intermediate age costume winner Alexis Bristow is flanked by friends Sydney D'Aoust and Edna Boorse, who split second prize.

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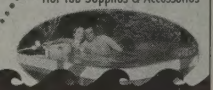
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